

SENATE BILL 3079

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 53, relative to a multi-state task force on issues relating to methamphetamine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The governor is authorized to enter into a multi-state task force to study and make recommendations relating to law enforcement and other issues concerning methamphetamine. The task force should include representation from the states of Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi and such other nearby states as desire to participate. The task force should seek to comprehensively address issues arising out of methamphetamine abuse and should include law enforcement, pharmacy, child welfare and other relevant perspectives. The task force should make recommendations for appropriate compacts, agreements and cooperative endeavors that the participating states could enter into in order to more effectively combat problems arising out of methamphetamine abuse.

SECTION 2. The governor is authorized to appoint appropriate Tennesseans to the task force that should include law enforcement officers, district attorneys general, physicians, child welfare advocates, pharmacists, business and labor organizations and others. The governor shall designate a Tennessee chair for the Tennessee delegation to the task force. The Tennessee delegation of the task force should periodically report to the governor concerning the task force deliberations. The governor shall report to the 105th general assembly by no later than January 15, 2007 concerning activities and recommendations of the task force. Tennessee's participation in the task force shall cease on December 31, 2007.

SECTION 3. The governor shall designate appropriate state agencies to provide assistance to the task force.

SECTION 4. Members of the task force shall not receive compensation for their service except that they may receive reimbursement for their task force-related travel expenses in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations promulgated by the commissioner of finance and administration.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.